

REMARKS

Originally pending claim 1 has been canceled and new claims 2-38, directed to powder compositions have been added. Applicants submit that support for the claims may be found throughout the specification as filed and that no new matter is presented thereby and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below if it is believed that this will expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

**In the specification:**

Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

The present application is a divisional of pending U.S. Application No. 09/219,736, filed December 22, 1998, which is a continuation of PCT Application No.: US98/20602, filed September 29, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of [pending] U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/133,848, filed August 14, 1998 now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of [pending] U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/106,932 filed June 29, 1998 now abandoned which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.: 60/060,337 filed September 29, 1997 and now lapsed.

**In the claims:**

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 2-38 have been added.

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